



# *Commencement Convocation*

GRADUATING CLASS OF  
MAY 30, 2020



## *President's Message*



On behalf of the entire Northwestern Health Sciences University community, I congratulate you on your graduation! You are joining a prestigious community of alumni practicing in the health professions across the U.S. and the world.

Commencement is a time to pause and celebrate your achievement with family, friends and community. We hope that you enjoy the ceremony and the moment before you set off to the next phase of your journey to becoming a healthcare leader and professional in your chosen field.

Today's ceremony is unique. I know it is disappointing that some of the hugs and handshakes that generally accompany this event won't be possible. You won't be able to see in person all the people that mentored and supported you through your journey or hear their applause, but understand that this network is cheering for you. We hope that you will enjoy and celebrate this virtual commencement ceremony with friends and family as we continue with our social distancing efforts to combat the COVID-19 virus.

Our world needs the healing skills and knowledge that you now carry with you. I know that your educational experience and professional development at NWHSU has prepared you to offer patients the best health and wellness care available. I also know that you will need to be life-long learners in order to stay current in such rapidly changing fields, and I hope that you will stay connected with us for those needs as well.

So, we invite you to soak up this moment – to thank those who have supported you, to breathe in this feeling of accomplishment, and to energize yourself for the journey ahead.

We hope that you will stay connected with NWHSU through your Alumni Association. We are grateful to have met you and honored to have supported you toward your professional goals. Please let us know how we can support you as a life-long learner!

Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Deborah Bushway'.

Deborah Bushway, Ph.D.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*



# Graduating Class of May 30, 2020

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"Pomp and Circumstance"

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*Radiation Therapy Graduating Class*

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*Clinic Director, Cultural Chiropractic North  
and Universal Care Clinics*

*NWHSU Alumni Class of 1996*

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Dr. Deborah J. Bushway

## AWARDING OF ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES & DEGREES

### Presentation of Candidates

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN  
MEDICAL ASSISTING

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN  
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN  
RADIATION THERAPY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
HUMAN BIOLOGY

CERTIFICATE IN THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE AND  
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MASSAGE THERAPY

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MASTER OF ACUPUNCTURE

DOCTOR OF CHINESE MEDICINE

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DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC

### Administration of Oath

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*Assistant Professor*

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Deborah J. Bushway

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## *Commencement Speaker*



Dr. Juneau Robbins is an award-winning chiropractor, author, speaker, and teacher of wellness & empowerment strategies that inspire, uplift, and create results.

Originally from Toronto, Canada, Dr. Robbins is a 1996 graduate of Northwestern Health Sciences University. He is a strong advocate of drug-free healthcare and self-empowerment through means of self-responsibility.

His professional honors include the President's Choice and Chiropractor of the Year awards from the American Black Chiropractic Association (ABCA). He remains deeply involved with the ABCA serving as a current board member and national mentorship chair.

Dr. Robbins is a past alumni board member at Northwestern Health Science University where he has held associate faculty status as a Community Based Internship doctor providing teaching clinics to students in their final phases of chiropractic education.

He has appeared on media outlets such as ABC News, NBC News, and USA Today as a wellness expert. He has been in private practice in the Twin Cities for the past 23 years. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife and 9-year old son.



# *Academic Honors*



# *Class Valedictorians*

## **COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Nasteho Ali\*

*Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science*

Sonia Sonaly Singam\*

*Bachelor of Science in Human Biology*

Emilie Krienert +

*Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy*

## **COLLEGE OF ACUPUNCTURE AND CHINESE MEDICINE**

Julie Sheehy +

*Master of Acupuncture*

## **COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC**

Hannah Michelle Janzen +

*Doctor of Chiropractic, Co-Valedictorian*

Alexis Olivia Thode +

*Doctor of Chiropractic, Co-Valedictorian*

## **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

The design and heraldry of academic attire date back to approximately the 12th century when universities were taking form. It is believed that the attire was the dress of a cleric because scholars had taken minor orders or vows. The dress may have also served another purpose — it provided warmth.

Our graduates display their academic achievements by wearing hoods at the commencement along with gowns and caps. The colors of the hood represent the University and the felt of the hood symbolizes health care. Placing of the hood symbolizes entry of the candidate into the rights and responsibilities of the profession.

It's also customary for the University's leadership to wear academic attire. This is an outward sign of bringing together students and privileged persons under the same discipline.



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## **DOCTOR OF CHINESE MEDICINE**

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<b>C.E.S.</b>	Corrective Exercise Specialist	<b>Dipl.Ac.</b>	Diplomate in Acupuncture	<b>M.Om.</b>	Master of Oriental Medicine
<b>C.L.T.</b>	Certified Laboratory Technician	<b>Dipl.C.H.</b>	Diplomate in Chinese Herbology	<b>M.P.H.</b>	Master of Public Health
<b>C.C.S.P.</b>	Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician	<b>Dipl.O.M.</b>	Diplomate in Oriental Medicine	<b>M.Phil.</b>	Master of Philosophy
<b>C.H.T.P.</b>	Certified Healing Touch Practitioner	<b>Ed.D.</b>	Doctor of Education	<b>M.S.</b>	Master of Science
<b>C.K.T.P.</b>	Certified Kinesio Taping Practitioner	<b>Ed.S.</b>	Specialist in Education and General Education Administration	<b>M.S.Ac.</b>	Master of Science in Acupuncture
<b>C.M.A.</b>	Certified Medical Assistant	<b>F.A.A.C.P.</b>	Fellow of the American Academy of Chiropractic Physicians	<b>M.S.O.M.</b>	Master of Science in Oriental Medicine
<b>C.M.L.D.T.</b>	Certified Manual Lymph Drainage	<b>F.I.A.C.N.</b>	Fellow of the International Academy of Chiropractic Neurologists	<b>M.S.T.O.M.</b>	Master of Science in Traditional Oriental Medicine
<b>C.N.M.T.</b>	Certified NeuroMuscular Therapist	<b>G.F.S.</b>	Golf Fitness Specialist	<b>M.T.O.M.</b>	Master of Traditional Oriental Medicine
<b>C.P.T.</b>	Certified Personal Trainer	<b>H.B. Kin.</b>	Honours Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology	<b>N.D.</b>	Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine
<b>C.S.C.S.</b>	Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist	<b>H.T.S.C.P.</b>	Healing Touch Spiritual Practitioner	<b>Ph.D.</b>	Doctor of Philosophy
<b>C.S.S.D.</b>	Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics	<b>J.D.</b>	Juris Doctor	<b>Pharm.D.</b>	Doctor of Pharmacy
<b>C.T.C.</b>	Certified Therapeutic Coach	<b>L.Ac.</b>	Licensed in Acupuncture	<b>Psy.D.</b>	Doctor of Psychology
<b>D.A.B.C.I.</b>	Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Internists	<b>L.D.</b>	Licensed Dietitian	<b>R.D.</b>	Registered Dietitian
<b>D.A.B.C.O.</b>	Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists	<b>L.P.</b>	Licensed Psychologist	<b>R.N.</b>	Registered Nurse
<b>D.Ac.</b>	Doctor of Acupuncture	<b>M.A.</b>	Master of Arts	<b>R.T.</b>	Radiation Therapy (ARRT)



# *Northwestern Health Sciences University*

Northwestern Health Sciences University prepares the next generation of healthcare professionals to deliver and advance health care. Since 1941, the university has provided world-class professional education and research through accredited programs in chiropractic, acupuncture, therapeutic massage, traditional Chinese medicine, nutrition and other disciplines. The university serves more than 800 graduate and undergraduate students, more than 5,600 continuing education students, and has an alumni community of more than 7,500 graduates. Our 280 dedicated faculty and staff provide an engaging and supportive learning environment that includes academic and career counseling, assistance for international students and military veterans, and over 50 student clubs and organizations.

In June 2019, NWHSU announced that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approved the transfer of students in the Twin Cities area whose educational plans were interrupted by the sudden closing of Argosy University. The HLC approved to accept students transferring from Argosy in five degree programs including Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting, Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology, Associate of Science in Radiation Therapy, Associate of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology, and the Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology. These five new degree programs are now part of NWHSU's curriculum and degree offerings. These important and complementary fields fit well with NWHSU's exclusive focus on health sciences education and expand the university's focus on integrative health care.

In April 2020, NWHSU announced the opening of a new college, The College of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (CACM). Students benefit from a standalone college that offers exceptional education and creates new structured opportunities to practice integrative healthcare both on and off-campus, and the ability to expand degree offerings and specializations.

Northwestern Health Sciences University continues to advance innovative models of integrative care to lead people to live happier, healthier lives. Our goal is to transform health care through patient-centered, evidence-based, conservative care that optimizes health and well-being.

## **SYMBOLISM OF UNIVERSITY SEAL**

The design of the Northwestern Health Sciences University seal is rooted in its traditions, history and mission since its founding in 1941.

- **The circular shape** expresses the unity and shared mission of the University's colleges and clinics
- **Shield:** represents the resilience and strength of the body, nurtured by natural healthcare providers
- **Crown:** symbolizes excellence in education, patient care, research, and community involvement
- **Pine tree and North Star:** natural symbols closely associated with Minnesota and derived from the state's Great Seal
- **Rampant lion:** a symbol of heraldry, and symbolizes the academic virtues of bravery, courage, strength, and valor
- **Rod of Asclepius:** represents medicine and healing. It originated in Greek mythology and is associated with the God of healing
- **Scientia:** Latin for "knowledge"